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Continuation of Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was discussed: Upon the conclusion of the pre-appeal conference, several minor issues needs to be addressed before the case is sent to the Board. In particular, Applicant was notified of an issue with claim 8, which recites that all PDE4 inhibitors induce CREB-dependent gene expression. This may be in error as the specification appears to only state that only the augmenting agent, modulators of protein kinases and protein phosphatases mediate CREB-dependent gene expression (last paragraph of page 18). Applicant was asked if it is known in the art that all PDE4 inhibitors induce CREB-dependent gene expression. If this is not the case, Applicant is encouraged to cancel claim 8 in order to simplify all issues to the Board and to expedite prosecution. There are other minor claim amendments that are necessary that was communicated to the Applicant. Examiner will enter the necessary claim amendments after final if the Applicant agrees to make these changes. Examiner awaits an answer. .